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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1. U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,814, entitled "EFFICIENT SECURITY KERNEL FOR THE 80960 EXTENDED ARCHITECTURE," discloses a device for implementing the standards of "Department of Defense Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria," DOD 5200.28-STD, December 1985. The device is a custom device that uses virtual machines to isolate security subjects and dedicated logical resources. The device uses a single processor computer system running a single operating system. The virtual machines in U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,814 communicate with one another so that total separation does not exist between the virtual machines. The device and method of the present invention is not disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,814.

2. U.S. Pat. No. 5,201,049, entitled "SYSTEM FOR EXECUTING APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS CONCURRENTLY/SERIALY ON DIFFERENT VIRTUAL MACHINES," discloses a device for and method of executing predefined segments concurrently on different assigned virtual machines at the host processor by having a virtual machine manager create a pool of virtual machines at the host processor that are either run ready or idle, letting the virtual machine pool manager decide whether or not to send a segment to a run ready virtual machine for processing or to an idle virtual machine. The device and method of the present invention is not disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,201,049.

3. U.S. Pat. No. 5,893,084, entitled "METHOD FOR CREATING SPECIFIC PURPOSE RULE-BASED N-BIT VIRTUAL MACHINES," discloses a device for and a method of implementing a virtual machine to do one specific task such as data typing, encryption,

compression, arbitrary precision arithmetic, pattern recognition, data conversion, artificial intelligence, device drivers, data storage, and retrieval and digital communications and using rule sets to receive an n-bit input and produce an n-bit output, where the input and the output do not have to agree in bit length. The device and method of the present invention is not disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,893,084.

4. U.S. Pat. No. 5,850,449, entitled "SECURE NETWORK PROTOCOL SYSTEM AND METHOD," discloses a device for and a method of securely transmitting objects containing executable programs in place of conventional data packets. U.S. Pat. No. 5,850,449 implements its device and method by encrypting all transmissions, which the present invention does not. U.S. Pat. No. 5,850,449 uses a virtual machine module to execute platform independent programs (e.g., JAVA programs). The device and method of the present invention is not disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,850,449.